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MIGRATION FROM VILLAGES TO CITIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether uneven growth of industry in the country has resulted large scale migration from villages to cities; and

(b) If so, the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) and (b): Migration from villages to cities takes place on account of several economic and non-economic factors. Employment opportunities arising out of industrialization is one of the reasons for migration from villages to cities. As is evident from the following table, share of manufacturing sector in total workforce has been declining while that of services sector is increasing. Also, the share of workers engaged in manufacturing sector has been around 24 per cent while that of services sector is nearly 60 per cent. There is therefore, no indication of large-scale migration from villages to cities due to industrialization.

Distribution of workers by industry (organised sector)

	% of total		
	Agriculture	Manufacturing	Services+
1997	5.1	24.4	57.2
1998	5.1	24.3	57.5
1999	4.9	24.0	58.0
2000	5.1	23.7	58.3

Source: Economic Survey 2001-02.

+ includes Transport, storage and communications, Finance, insurance and real estate etc, and Community social and personal services.